

District Judge Robert S. Lasnik

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVOCATES, an Oregon non-profit  
corporation,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY, an agency of  
the United States,

Defendant.

Case No. 19-cv-887-RSL

JOINT STATUS REPORT AND  
[PROPOSED] ORDER

**Noted on Motion Calendar:  
08/3/2020**

Pursuant to the Court's order, Dkt. No. 27, Plaintiff Northwest Environmental Advocates ("NWEA") and Defendant United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") hereby provide a joint status report notifying the Court of the parties' negotiations to settle NWEA's claim for attorneys' fees and costs.<sup>1</sup>

As the Court is aware, in this Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") suit, the parties have reached a resolution on NWEA's claims, with the exception of NWEA's claim for attorneys' fees and costs. Since the last status update, the parties have engaged

<sup>1</sup> The Order extends the deadline for a Joint Status Report and Discovery Plan. However, as the only issue remaining in this matter is fees and costs, a discovery plan is not relevant as discovery is unnecessary.

1 in settlement negotiations. At this time, EPA is seeking settlement authority to determine  
2 whether resolution of the only remaining issue in this case is possible.

3 In order to permit the parties with enough time to finish settlement discussions  
4 that, if successful, would fully resolve this case, the parties jointly propose a joint status  
5 report or a briefing schedule for NWEA's fee application to be filed on or before August  
6 28, 2020.  
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8 Dated this 3rd day of August, 2020.

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

It is hereby **ORDERED** that:

The parties shall file a joint status report or a briefing schedule for NWEA's fee application on or before August 28, 2020.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2020.

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ROBERT S. LASNIK  
United States District Judge